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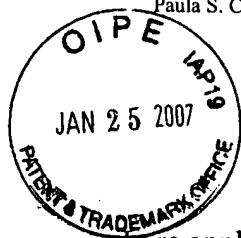
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
EXAMINING GROUP 2163**

PATENT

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In re application of:

Yuichi Taguchi et al.

Application No.: 10/799,988

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
STORAGE NETWORK
MANAGEMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 23, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.